



ASMC Newsletter . . . Mount Vernon Chapter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Patricia Ackerman, CDFM

This has been a rough year for the Mount Vernon Chapter. Several of your Chapter Officers (including me) are new this year and we are still struggling to fulfill our responsibilities to the Chapter membership. We have also had a few Officers step down because of family responsibilities, changing jobs or leaving federal service for greener pastures in private industry. No matter how you look at it, filling in for these key positions has taken its toll on those of us remaining.

Despite these difficulties we have tried to schedule speakers that would be of interest to you. We have also tried to find better restaurants for your dining pleasure without having the price skyrocket. We have found, however, that luncheon participation is down considerably. At the Chapter Professional Development Day (PDD) on Monday, 15 April at the Springfield Hilton, we hope to have a questionnaire available concerning luncheon attendance. These luncheons are arranged for your benefit and education. Please let us know what your Chapter can do to get you interested in attending once again. Do you have suggestions for speakers? If so, please let us know. Are there subjects we could

cover that would get you out of the office? Do you know of a restaurant that has a large meeting room and good food? Please let us know where. This is your Chapter, what can your Chapter Officers do to spur your participation?

Membership in a professional organization is a two-way street. The organization should provide you with professional development opportunities and we hope, you in turn will give back to the organization by participating. We want Chapter membership to mean more than just paying your dues.

Looking forward to your comments at the PDD.

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Mount Vernon Certification Committee

by
Marticia D. Banks-Booker

The Mount Vernon Chapter Certification Committee would like to announce its newest member. Mr. James (Jim) B. Davis, an auditor with the US Army Audit Agency, is stationed at the Fort Belvoir Field Office. He is currently working on the General Fund audit team (FFG) and tasked to conduct CFO audits. He has been employed with Army Audit Agency for a year and a half, after serving as a West Virginia state tax auditor. In addition to membership in the Mount Vernon Chapter of ASMC, he is also a member of the Northern Virginia Chapters of AGA and IIA, and other community organizations. In addition to getting prepared for his CDFM, he is working on his CPA credential. We are so happy that he is on the committee.

We still wish to have your input. We need your responses to the survey that went out recently so that we may gain knowledge of what members know about the Certification Program and what members expect of study groups. We really need your responses to the survey. We will have additional copies at this year's Career Financial Management Seminar, our chapter's PDD. The establishment and goal achieving of the Certification Committee's contribution toward Professional Development can mean additional points for Chapter Competition.

If you have taken and passed any of the CDFM modules, let us hear from you. We would like to have any input from members to assist us with our promotional campaign that includes the chapter earning a \$25 rebate from the National Headquarters.

If you have been having difficulty with self-study or getting into the EDFMT course, do not despair. CDFM training will be offered

during the PDD on 15 April at the Hilton Hotel, Springfield, VA.

Remember, the Certification Committee is here to assist you with any questions or concerns that you may have about the Certification Program. Contact them at:

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FORT BELVOIR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION "QUICK TIPS"

The Fort Belvoir Federal Credit Union will hold a financial seminar next month called "Identity Theft."

Although Identity Theft has been a growing concern in our electronic world, being informed about this issue may be your best defense. This seminar will discuss how identity theft occurs, how thieves use your personal information, how to minimize your risk, steps to take if you are a victim, resolving credit issues, and what government resources can help.

- Thursday, April 11, 2002 (Noon to 1p.m.)
- Fort Belvoir branch office (Building #1195)

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Sharmaine Bucknor at (703) 730-1800 ext. 5151 before April 9th if you are interested in attending. Lunch will be provided.



MINUTES OF THE CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

by

March 14, 2002

by Robyn Walick

1. The President called the meeting to order at 1300 hrs, 14 March 2002. The following officers attended:

Patricia Ackerman, President
Diane Andrews, Awards & Scholarships
Jill Cone, Membership
Marticia D. Banks-Booker, Chapter Competition
Ambar Lamberty, Education
Robyn J. Walick, Secretary

The following officers were excused:

Ron Szatmary, Vice President
Jill F. Karayannis, Treasurer
Cindi Marxen, Web Master
Rose Green, Social & Community Services
Karen Sikes, Publicity and Photography
Snookie Senires-Dubyak, Services
James Harden, Program Director
Carol Bryant, Newsletter

2. Information on upcoming luncheons:

a. March luncheon will be held at Officers' Club. The speaker will be Ms. Diane Tucker-Hart, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Civilian Personnel Policy), subject: Congressional Initiatives for Military and Civilian Personnel.

b. April will be the PDD. May will be Scholarships and Awards.

3. Officer's Discussion:

a. President: Discussion centered on the April PDD. The status of various actions is:

* Education Director Ambar

Lamberty has submitted her resignation. She has taken a new position. Marticia Banks-Booker and Robyn Walick will co-chair the PDD.

* Still need to find out how we can accept payments. [Since the meeting, this issue has been resolved. National will allow us to use their machine this year.]

* Hotel still needs a \$500 check.

[Check was written and dropped off the next day.]

* For the PDI in Denver, we need to look into getting pins for the chapter members to trade.

b. Education:

* Ambar Lamberty was able to attend. She will continue until she leaves for her new position in a few weeks.

* The agenda for the PDD is ready. It will be distributed as soon as the credit card info is received.

* Ambar will reserve the AV support with Belvoir for the PDD.

* Still to do – Send letters to speakers. This should be by email.

c. Social and Community Services:

* Walk America for the March of Dimes. Date – 28 Apr. They will set up a table at the March luncheon.

* April is also the normal time for the Route 1 cleanup. No further info yet.

d. Services:

* Info for this luncheon should be sent to Ron Szatmary. Snookie is on convalescent leave.

e. Awards and Scholarships:

* Scholarships are on track. The committee is reviewing the submissions.

* Letters for the President's signature will be prepared for the winners.

f. Chapter Competition:

* Marticia answered specific questions from directors on requirements for their programs.

* An email has been sent to each director who owes Marticia items for chapter competition.

g. Certification Committee.

* Stacy Royston attended. She presented the CEC with a tri-fold to advertise the Mount Vernon Chapter Certified Defense Financial Manager Program, draft posters and a questionnaire for members. The officers voted unanimously to approve the items. The questionnaire will be distributed via email.

* The committee is looking at refunding part of the test fee costs for the CDFM exam(s). They will clarify with National the amounts of refunds being offered to members, and present a proposal to the CEC.

4. Other Business. A nomination committee for the election of next year's officers needs to be set up. A slate of perspective officers should be presented at the April PDD, elected in May, and installed in June/July. This would move the elected year one month closer to the program year. Volunteers will be solicited at the March luncheon.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 1415 hrs.

April's Community Service Events

The Mount Vernon Chapter is participating in two Community Service events during the month of April: Route 1 Cleanup and the March of Dimes' WalkAmerica. Details follow:

Route 1 Cleanup, Saturday, April 20th **(Rain or Shine):**

LOCATION: Assemble in front of Bldg 269, Fort Belvoir Garrison Headquarters, Flagler Road from 0730 to 0745

WHAT YOU NEED: **Only Gloves** - Vests and Water will be furnished (volunteer names needed by **noon, 12 April**, for vest count)

Come out and take pride in the installation, your community and yourself while having some fun and making the event a success!

If interested, please contact Rose Green, (703) 767-7266, EMAIL Rose_Green@hq.dla.mil.

WalkAmerica for the March of Dimes:

LOCATION/DATE/INFO: Lake Accotink Park, Springfield, Sunday, April 28th
Registration 8:00 AM
Walk starts at 9:00 AM
5-6 mile walk

WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION:
www.modimes.org/walkamerica

WE NEED: Walkers, Sponsors (donating money for this charity event), and Volunteers for several activities

MORE INFO: Rest stops throughout walk with free refreshments. Vans at each rest stop to take you to the end if needed.

Prize incentives for walkers

Free lunch after

To register for the walk, volunteer, or donate please contact Rose Green, (703) 767-7266, EMAIL Rose_Green@hq.dla.mil.



American Society of Military Comptrollers

MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Career Financial Management Seminar

AGENDA – 15 April 2002

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>St Thomas/St Croix</i>	<i>Suite 220</i>
Registration		0730 - 0800
Continental Breakfast		0700 - 0800
General Session - Keynote Address by LTG (Ret) James McCall		0800 - 0845
Break		0845 - 0900
Barbara Heffernan - Transformation of Installation Management		0900 - 1015
Break		1015 - 1030
Bruce Johnson - DFAS Systems Modernization		1030 - 1145
Luncheon - COL(R) David B. Berg -		
WHY ME!!! - Why do I have to go to training?		1145 - 1300
Ms. Margo Sheridan - CFO Issue - Systems Security		1300 - 1415
Break		1415 - 1430
Mr. Ernest Gregory – The Army Staff Reorganization		1430 - 1545
Seminar Critique		1545 - 1600
Closing Session		1600 - 1630

Space in CDFM training is limited to 25 participants on a first come basis from Registration forms. Please allow others to attend the training if you have taken it in prior years.

*** 1300 – 1415**
***Certified Defense Financial
Manager Training***

*** 0900-1145**
***Certified Defense Financial
Manager Training***



ASMC MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER CAREER FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SEMINAR



**Springfield Hilton, Springfield VA
Monday, 15 April 2002**

REGISTRATION deadline is Tuesday, 9 April 2002

Make checks payable to ASMC Mount Vernon Chapter
Members

COST: \$140.00 for Members and \$150.00 for Non-

RETURN TO:

**ASMC MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER
ATTN: CAREER FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SEMINAR
PO BOX 99
FORT BELVOIR, VA 22060-0099**

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AGENDA

07:30-08:00	REGISTRATION
07:00-08:30	Continental Breakfast
08:00-08:45	General Session - Keynote Address by LTG (Ret) McCall
08:45-09:00	BREAK
09:00-10:15	"Transformation of Installation Management" by Ms. Barbara Heffernan or (Session 1) Certified Defense Financial Manager Training
10:15-10:30	BREAK
10:30-11:45	"DFAS Systems Modernization" by Mr. Bruce Johnson or (Session 2) Certified Defense Financial Manager Training
11:45-13:00	Luncheon - "WHY ME!!! - Why do I have to go to training?" by COL(Ret) David B. Berg
13:00-14:15	"CFO Issue - Systems Security" by Ms. Margo Sheridan or (Session 3) Certified Defense Financial Manager Training
14:15-14:30	BREAK
14:30-15:45	The Army Staff Reorganization - Mr. Ernest Gregory
15:45-16:00	Critique of Seminar
16:00-16:30	Closing Sessions - Address & Presentations by Ms. Patricia C. Ackerman, Chapter President

NAME _____ Rank/Grade _____ Phone _____
LAST FIRST MI

ACTIVITY _____ DoD _____ ARMY _____ AIR FORCE _____ CIVILIAN OTHER _____

ASMC MEMBER _____ YES _____ NO MENU SELECTION: _____ BEEF _____ CHICKEN _____ VEGETARIAN

☐ I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE CERTIFIED DEFENSE FINANCIAL MANAGER TRAINING (Limited Seating to 25)

TYPE OF PAYMENT: PREFERRED METHOD - GOVERNMENT PURCHASE CARD

Check - Personal _____ Corporate _____ Government Purchase Card _____

Training Authorization (TA) DD Form 1556 _____ Card Holder's Name: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

NOTE: AN ADVANCED CHECK, GOVERNMENT PURCHASE CARD CHECK, NUMBER OR CERTIFIED DD FORM 1556 IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO ATTENDANCE.

**PLEASE FAX AN ADVANCE COPY OF THE REGISTRATION FORM & DD FORM 1556 TO: ASMC Mount Vernon Chapter
FAX: (703) 428-6715**



Grapevine

DLA News:

New Employees:

Tina Weappa - J-81/82 Secretary; came from DLA DI (Criminal Investigations)

Matt Gurrola - J-89/CFO Team; came to us from Department of the Treasury

Departing Employees:

Dave Salamone - DCMA

Employee of the Month: Ms. Alma Polk was nominated by Ms. Michelle Kidd for the following:

"Ms. Alma Polk is a new budget analyst on our team. She shows great initiative on learning her new position and is always willing to assist others. Alma definitely exemplifies the DLA motto of "One Team, One Focus". Her positive attitude and great customer service makes her an invaluable part of the team."

FEDERAL SERVICE CERTIFICATE:

Shahlaurie K. Rawl - 25 Years

Ambar Lamberty has left the US Army Corps of Engineers, HECSA, for a GS-13 promotion with the National Guard Acquisition Corps.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

BY JILL CONE

**Welcome to the following
NEW MEMBERS!**

Albert Starnes
Michael Kennelly
Stewart Petchenick
Frances McAndrew
Deborah Heller
Kathleen Denny
James Cunningham
Sandra Woodard
John Goodworth
Shay Kesterson

COME TO THE MAY LUNCHEON!

Mount Vernon Chapter Honors Area Scholars!

By
Diane Andrews

As an organization, we are dedicated to promoting comptrollership through education. Annually, we provide several \$1,000.00 awards to deserving students pursuing a degree in a field related to financial management. The funds we raise during the PDD and the monthly raffles allow us to award these scholarships. Please plan on attending our May luncheon, which will be held in honor of our scholarship recipients.

The names of this year's recipients have not been released yet, but we have nominated two of our chapter winners to compete for scholarships from our National Headquarters for an additional \$1,000.00 or \$2,000.00 award.

So please plan on joining the fun (and seeing not only the outstanding students, but their very proud parents).....and join us next month!!!

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